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1. WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE OF HUGHES AIRCRAFT CONTACTED

DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 31 WITH REQUEST FOR STATE/DEFENSE ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE ROC MILITARY VISITS TO THIRD COUNTRY AIR DEFENSE SITES AS OUTLINED REF A. HE SAID ROC GROUP WOULD FINISH US VISIT ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 17 AND THEN PROCEED TO EUROPE IF VISITS THERE COULD BE ARRANGED. HUGHES REP SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED DESIRE TO HAVE ROC AIR DEFENSE EXPERTS VISIT NADGE FACILITY AT GLONS, BELGIUM AND SOME SUITABLE SITE IN FRG. HE SAID VISITS TO SWISS "FLORIDA" FACILITY AND TO SITES IN ISRAEL WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE, AND THAT COMPANY WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THEY BE INCLUDED IN ITINERARY. HE SAID EQUIPMENT TO BE VIEWED AT THIRD COUNTRY SITES WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY OF HUGHES MANUFACTURE (NOT LITTON), AND THAT HUGHES REP IN COUNTRIES CONCERNED COULD ASSIST EMBASSIES

AND MAAGS IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROC VISITORS.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE FOR USG TO APPROACH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED IN THIS MATTER. WE DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR AS INTERMEDIARY ON BEHALF ROC WITH COUNTRIES WHICH RECOGNIZE PRC. IN CASE OF ISRAEL, GIVEN CONTACTS WHICH ALREADY EXIST WE BELIEVE ROC, WORKING WITH HUGHES, WOULD BE CAPABLE OF APPROACHING ISRAELIS IF VISIT THERE DEEMED NECESSARY.

3. WE WILL INFORM HUGHES AND LITTON OFFICES IN WASHINGTON OF OUR DECISION IN THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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